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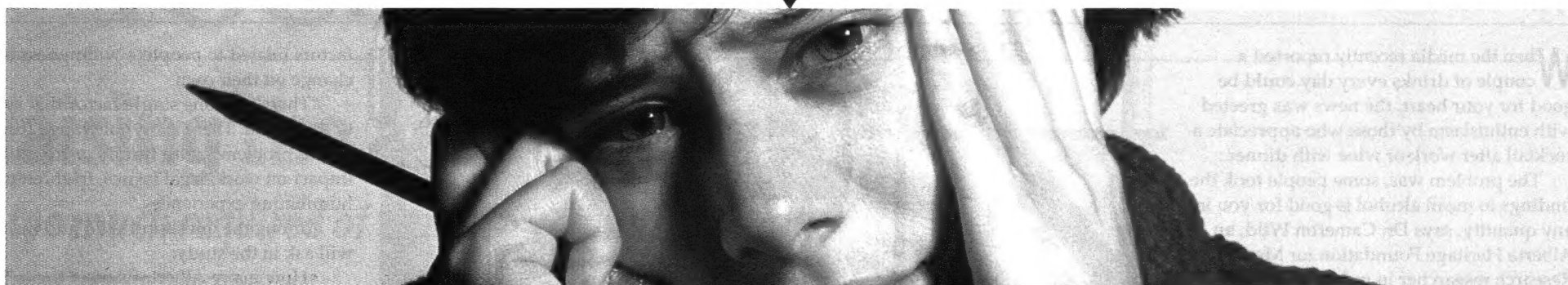
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East Asian film series debunks stereotypes

No red lanterns here: East Asian studies expands with cultural literacy courses

By Lucianna Ciccocioppo

Think of an Asian film. Quick—what comes to mind? Bruce Lee action flicks, badly dubbed Godzilla B-movies, slow-moving epics of Communist regimes, lots of red lanterns, Chinese opera and a concubine or two?

Think again.

The University of Alberta's first East Asian film series, April 3-7, is set to make you ponder contemporary life in some of the world's largest cities, the angst and alienation youth feel, and the social issues these countries face.

From fashion-victim high school girls who prostitute themselves to buy the latest Gucci or Chanel have to offer, to the octopedial gangster problem spreading throughout the red-hot economies, to fighting pollution and stemming overpopulation, these films are dark, gritty, fast-paced peeks into the modern day worlds of eastern Asia.

They're a far cry from the "velvet curtain" style of more traditional Asian films.

"We want to show students...that some of the problems we're struggling with are the same ones they are struggling with—only in their own culture," said Dr. Eva Neumaier, chair of the Department of East Asian Studies (EAS).

The line-up includes films from China, South Korea, Hong Kong, Japan and Taiwan; all films are subtitled in English. They're recent works by some of the top young directors of these countries, and the films can't be found in Edmonton video stores, alternative or mainstream, says assistant professor Dr. Shuyu Kong.



Drs. Kong and Neumaier: using VHS, DVDs and video CDs which Kong personally collected, this film series explores the fast-paced, gritty world of contemporary eastern Asia.

"We want students to have a visual image of what these cities—Beijing, Tokyo, Hong Kong—are like, and what the lives of certain groups of young people are like," said Kong. "In Vancouver and Toronto, people have access to international film festivals. But here in Edmonton, there's just the Princess and Garneau Theatres."

Kong is coordinating the series, which germinated from an idea last fall, to increase awareness about the course offerings in the department. She'll be lecturing on women in Chinese film and fiction in the fall.

"We need to tell people we offer East Asian Studies, not just languages," she said.

Kong scanned the Internet and contacted embassies eager to help track down the films and send them to her free of charge.

"You probably won't believe it, but we don't have any budget for this event, and I have to use the DVDs [digital video discs], VHS or video CDs that I collected personally," she said.

To help set the films in context, various professors and one graduate student will provide 10-minute introductions to outline issues and cinematic themes.

"It's worth knowing about these cultures and issues," said Neumaier, "because we all share the same world."

In future, EAS hopes to include courses looking at the impact of mass media—advertising, television, Internet—on these cultures, just as soon as it can hire more faculty to teach them.

U of A students, said Neumaier, need to learn the nuances and idiosyncrasies of cultures they may one day have to visit.

EAST ASIAN FILM SERIES LINE-UP (ALL FILMS ARE SUBTITLED IN ENGLISH)

April 3, *Beijing Bastards*, introduction by Dr. Shuyu Kong, EAS (China, 1993; directed by Zhang Yuan; in Mandarin; 92 minutes)

April 4, *Christmas in August*, introduction by Dr. Sunny Kim, EAS (South Korea, 1997; directed by Hur Jin-ho; 97 minutes.)

April 5, *Made in Hong Kong*, introduction by Dr. Maria Ng, comparative literature religion/film media studies (Hong Kong, 1997; directed by Fruit Chan; in Cantonese; 107 minutes)

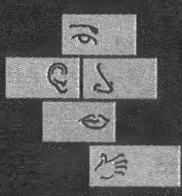
April 6, *Bounce Ko Gals*, introduction by EAS grad student, Samantha Rubin (Japan, 1997; directed by Masato Harada; 109 minutes)

April 7, *Vive L'Amour*, introduction by Dr. Mark Betz, comparative literature/religion/film media studies (Taiwan, 1994; directed by Tsai Ming-liang; in Mandarin; 119 minutes)

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"To have a civilized society that is knowledgeable, understanding, peaceful and tolerant, people have to be culturally literate."

An Urban Story: East Asian Film Series is a campus event and runs April 3-7, 4-6 p.m. in the Tory Lecture Theatre 11. Admission is free. For further information, please contact Dr. Shuyu Kong at: skong@ualberta.ca.



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Changing the habits of problem drinkers

Heritage grant, part of \$25M allotment to U of A, will help researcher survey Albertans on drinking

By Geoff McMaster

When the media recently reported a couple of drinks every day could be good for your heart, the news was greeted with enthusiasm by those who appreciate a cocktail after work or wine with dinner.

The problem was, some people took the findings to mean alcohol is good for you in any quantity, says Dr. Cameron Wild, an Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research researcher in public health sciences, who studies why people drink.

“Many people drink more than those recommended amounts and it’s clear, at higher consumption levels, drinking is associated with a whole bunch of problems—injuries, violence, road accidents. These problems cost a lot.” One national study estimates in 1992 alone alcohol accounted for about \$7.5 billion in economic costs, including lost productivity, absenteeism at work, health care and law enforcement.

Wild’s project is just one of 35 at the U of A to receive about \$25 million in the latest round of funding from the AHFMR. Foundation spokesperson Kathleen Thurber says the average award is worth about \$600,000. Wild’s particular award, the Population Health Investigator Award, covers his own salary and that of several



AHFMR grant recipient Dr. Cameron Wild: studying why people drink to help those who drink too much.

graduate assistants, as well as some start-up laboratory costs.

Since the reasons for alcohol abuse are sometimes enormously complex, Wild has begun a two-year study to find out why Albertans drink, how much they drink and what makes them change their drinking habits. And it’s not just severe alcoholism he’s interested in, since only a small percentage of those who drink meet clinical criteria for alcohol dependence. A far larger number of drinkers “consume alcohol in a way that can cause problems to themselves and others.”

The most up-to-date information on drinking habits is necessary to find effective ways to motivate those unlikely to seek treatment, says Wild, either through

education or advertising campaigns. He says the Alberta Drug and Alcohol Abuse Commission (with whom he is partnered) and the Capital Health Authority do a great job of aiding those who come forward, but too many fall through the cracks.

For every problem drinker who does seek help, 10 do not. Some simply feel they don’t have a problem.

“For others, there’s a great amount of embarrassment and stigma associated with it.” Wild says research has shown people would rather change their drinking habits without outside help.

“The premise of the research is to study when and why people want to change their drinking outside of formal treatment programs....It’s really about studying

factors related to people’s willingness to change on their own.

“There’s no one single factor that seems to do the job. There’s a whole range from health problems, with family or friends, impact on work, legal issues, frightening or humiliating experiences.”

Among the questions Wild and his team will ask in the study:

- How many Albertans meet the criteria for “problem drinking” (using standardized measures designed to detect hazardous alcohol use)?

- What is the impact of drinking on family and friends? Do they influence the way people drink?

- How do drinkers perceive their risk of getting hurt or sick?

Wild says there’s “some suggestion you have to perceive you’re drinking in a hazardous way before you change your drinking patterns.” He also plans to track a number of drinkers to see how and why they change their drinking habits. ■

- A total of 35 researchers at the U of A received \$25 million in AHFMR grants out of 53 submissions, for a success rate of 66 per cent.
- At the University of Calgary, 26 researchers out of 36 submissions received about \$18 million in funding, for a success rate of 72 per cent.

Some other examples of AHFMR projects :

- Dr. Kathleen Hegadoren, Faculty of Nursing, studies the risks for depression in women, including stress and the influence of hormones. Depression affects twice as many women as men.
- Dr. Michael Walter, Departments of Medical Genetics and Ophthalmology, conducts research on glaucoma, estimated by the World Health Organization to become the leading cause of blindness within a decade.

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And that’s not all...

In a more recent funding announcement, the U of A pulled in an additional \$794,440 (of a total \$1.48 million) for 11 of 20 awards handed out by AHFMR across the province this week. Dr. Cameron Wild received smaller grants for two other projects: one will examine teen smokers across the province and another will study illegal injection drug use in Edmonton. The additional funding to biomedical and health research at the U of A will also support investigations into the genetic link to spine and hip disorders, the pre-surgical identification of the risk of incontinence in men undergoing prostate surgery, the link between the severity of schizophrenia and the timing of treatment, and waiting times in Edmonton emergency rooms.

Hockey reigns supreme at U of A

By Phoebe Dey

Last year, when the University of Alberta Golden Bears headed into the last few minutes of the national championship match, the team had been preparing to celebrate for most of the game. This year was different.

Going into the third period, the Bears lost their lead for the first time in the tournament and were down 4-3 to the University of New Brunswick Varsity Reds. U of A tied the score in that period but it wasn’t until 8:18 into the second overtime that CIAU Player of the Year, Russ Hewson, went top shelf for the winning goal to capture the Bears’ second consecutive and 10th national championship.

“It was really different from last year, because last year we were up 6-2 and

dominated the whole tournament,” said Coach Rob Daum, recalling the moment the puck crossed the goal line. “Last year we had time to plan how we were going to react to the win, and this year it was very spontaneous. It just happened. It still hasn’t sunk in.”

Daum wasn’t surprised Hewson was the player to score the final goal. “He has contributed so much to this program and when things are going tough, he has the ability to turn them around,” said Daum of the fourth-year Arts student.

The win ties the Bears with the University of Toronto for a record 10 University Cups. It also gives the U of A a total of nine medals, the most won by the school in a single year. The Golden Bears win

marks the first time one university has won hockey gold in women and men’s championships.

U of A defenceman Mike Garrow and forwards Kevin Marsh and Ryan Wade were named to the all-star team. Marsh was named tournament MVP. Earlier in the week Hewson was named CIAU Player of the Year and goaltender Clayton Pool received CIAU Rookie of the Year honours. ■

The U of A captured nine medals in the 1999-2000 school year, one more than last year’s total. Here’s the breakdown: Gold—Pandas hockey, Pandas volleyball, Pandas rugby, Bears hockey; Silver—Pandas soccer, Bears soccer; Bronze—Pandas field hockey, Pandas wrestling and Bears track and field.

\$3M virology research chair created

By Geoff McMaster

Pharmacy giant Glaxo Wellcome has donated \$1.75 million to the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry to set up a chair in virology. Along with an additional \$1.2 million from the provincial government, the funding will allow the faculty to hire a top researcher in the study of infectious diseases. The chair will add to the faculty’s already strong reputation in virology, particularly the work done in the Glaxo Heritage Research Institute.

Dr. Lorne Tyrrell, dean of the medical faculty and director of the institute, has

established an international reputation in the field for his development of Heptovir, a revolutionary medicine for the treatment of hepatitis B. Tyrrell says the gifts enable the chair to hire a first-rate staff and purchase state-of-the-art equipment in the fight against diseases such as AIDS and hepatitis C.

“We hope this new funding will help us make major advances in the fight against infectious diseases,” he said.

The Glaxo gift is part of the \$10 million Glaxo Wellcome Pathfinders Fund for

Leaders in Canadian Science Research which supports leading research positions in all of Canada’s medical schools. Since 1992, the company has contributed \$750,000 annually to the Glaxo Heritage Research Institute.

Vice-President (Research and External Affairs) Roger Smith says the gift is “just further indication of Glaxo Wellcome’s conviction there is real strength in this area, and they want to continue their connections with the university.” ■

Raising the academic bar

Is too much required of today's graduate student?

By Geoff McMaster

The publish or perish imperative has long been an accepted reality of academia. Professors are expected to stay abreast of research in their field and contribute to the communal store of knowledge. And when junior faculty come up for tenure, a publication record is at least one way to forecast future productivity.

But the rules of the game have changed radically over the past couple of decades. What used to be enough to secure tenure is now expected of candidates applying for entry-level positions, and this raising of the bar has dramatically transformed the nature of graduate education, especially in the humanities where most programs are geared towards getting academic jobs in a fiercely competitive market. Doctoral students now fire off papers to journals and travel to conferences at a dizzying pace, keeping up with many of their tenured instructors. And that's when they're not teaching. For most, the luxury of time to focus on a thesis without a plethora of distractions is quickly disappearing, if it ever existed at all.

Some say this precocious professionalism only helps prepare graduate students for careers that lie ahead. And besides, if it's a symptom of the job market, what can one do about it? Others are disturbed by what they see as a tendency to throw students into the publishing fray before their time, and they suggest the trend is at least worthy of critical attention.

The new president of the Modern Languages Association, which administers one of the largest publishing programs in the humanities and represents more than 33,000 teachers and scholars of language and literature, has adopted this issue as a cause célèbre of sorts. Dr. Linda Hutcheon of the University of Toronto is setting up a committee to examine what some call the "turbo-professionalization" of graduate students in North American universities. One of the committee's tasks is to determine whether anything can be done about it.

"Too much is being demanded during the graduate years when you should be spending your time developing your interests and expanding your horizons," says

Hutcheon. "Instead, what you're doing is focusing on making yourself marketable in the end."

Hutcheon doesn't object to the market's influence outright. Since most graduate students want to be academics, she says, learning the professional ropes is a necessary part of the educational experience. But she feels there needs to be a happy medium between the rush to publish and careful, considered research—the kind of thoughtful and systematic reading not so easily measured.

—Dr. Linda Hutcheon,
president, Modern
Languages Association

important. I think people should test out the peer-review system, try their material out on the market and see how they fare, because if they get accepted it's a real boost of confidence. The question is, how many papers?"

Dr. John Guillory, an English professor at New York University, has done research on the conditions of the job market for humanities graduate students in the U.S. Many of his findings apply to the Canadian context. He is bothered by the "mimetic" experience of graduate school, particularly in language and literature programs, "which is kind of an exact imitation of the career one has when one is a tenure-track or tenured professor.

"If you take literary studies seriously as a discipline in which knowledge is produced, then you have to say there is, or should be, a program for training people in producing this kind of knowledge." This is not the same thing, he says, as mimetic professionalism.

"If the analogy were medicine, it would be immediately obvious what's wrong with this model. You don't put medical students into surgical procedures. There's a graduated or stepped process of assimilation into the profession."

English doctoral student Lily Cho says many of her colleagues would dearly love more concentrated time to work on dissertations. But she

also believes there is a danger in idealizing an outdated notion of knowledge production that is separate from professional practice.

"What I wouldn't want to see is a romanticizing of the PhD program—this moment where

you're supposed to sequester yourself and write a big book. I don't think that's what academics do, necessarily, and I don't think it's what graduate students need to do. It's easy to become nostalgic about the idea of holing yourself away and reading and writing, but we are entering an age of public intellectualism, and it requires a lot of other skills."

Dean of arts and former economics chair Dr. Ken Norrie agrees professional pressures have altered graduate programs and certainly theses produced in his own discipline. The economics thesis used to be one long, extended piece of work. "Now, almost universally, it's two or three papers with a sort of loose common theme, done in a way so they can be submitted to journals." But he adds a publication record is not always necessary to land a job.

"In some ways it's publish *and* perish, because if you've got a couple of papers, people [on hiring committees] may read them and say, is this the best this person's going to do? We've certainly turned down people with publications in favour of people without, because their unpublished work looked more interesting than some of the others—that happens all the time."

However Norrie says arguing about whether pre-professionalism is a desirable thing or not is a little like debating the merits of globalization. "Whether you're in favour of it or not, it's there."

For Cho and Graduate Students' Association President Laura Bonnett, the issue boils down to simple economics. They say most grad students know the nature of academic labour is changing and are ready to meet its challenges.

For them it's not the increased work load, or the increased expectations, that need reforming. It's the lack of financial support, which forces students to take on more and more teaching and defer their research.

"If you fund students appropriately," says Bonnett, "they won't be forced to teach courses on a continual basis. It frees up more time for students to do the type of thinking and research that we want them to do...[Teaching] is a wonderful experience, but it doesn't necessarily allow you the time."

Even Hutcheon agrees, apart from the constant battle for more funding, there isn't much anyone can do to prevent the inevitable. But she hopes her organization may be able to reach out to those in positions of influence, encouraging them to make graduate education "a little saner" by emphasizing quality over quantity.

"We can never intervene to change the practice completely, we know that. What we can do is try to set some sort of ethical standards. We can have a kind of 'moral-suasion.'"

"The idea would be to raise consciousness and make hiring committees self-conscious about what they're doing, so they don't just count." ■



Today's graduate students—caught in the whirlwind of "publish or perish"—are looking more and more like yesterday's faculty.

message from the • president

New life for Canadian research

By Dr. Rod Fraser



Almost lost in the headlines generated by Ottawa and Alberta's recent budgets were multi-million dollar initiatives that will breathe new life into the Canadian research scene.

As president of a university committed to the future of Canadian research and on behalf of our research community, I am compelled to publicly acknowledge these initiatives. They are strategic and visionary. They will bolster our defenses, attracting and retaining outstanding faculty, building research infrastructure and developing more critical research mass.

The new Alberta Heritage Foundation for Science and Engineering Research (AHFSEER) is a truly monumental legacy

for Albertans. The fund, slated to grow to \$1 billion by 2005, will propel our province to the centre stage of science and engineering research nationally and internationally.

AHFSEER is a reflection of the tremendous success of the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research, which has had a profoundly positive impact on so many of our University of Alberta researchers. This new fund will similarly help us attract and retain the best and brightest researchers and students.

On the federal level, the substantial boost to the Canada Foundation for Innovation and the \$900 million over the next five years to establish more than 2000 research chairs in Canadian universities

shows a clear commitment to creating and disseminating new knowledge. In addition, the bolstering of the Canada Health and Social Transfer program by \$2.5 billion is to be used by the provinces "for needs in universities and hospitals," providing one more opportunity to increase our competitiveness.

In the area of student support, the now underway Canada Millennium Scholarships program and the enhancement of federal tax exemptions reflect a greater appreciation of the considerable financial responsibilities our students shoulder when committing to university studies.

By significantly increasing support to research-intensive universities such as the

University of Alberta and by investing in innovation, Canada and Alberta are ensuring sustainable economic growth for our children and grandchildren. These new monies reflect a real awareness of our competition, and equip research-intensive universities to wage a respectable fight in the battle for brains. Injecting cash into research means Canada's youth will continue to have exposure to cutting-edge technologies and world-class learning opportunities in their home country.

The alternative is unthinkable: Canada has a giant industrial vacuum sitting just south of the border, poised to suck the best minds out of our country with promises of big grants, paychecks and facilities. ■

Maclean's editor likes U of A's prospects

Universities guide editor says U of A has a solid start on faculty renewal

By Gilbert A. Bouchard

Alberta's universities are well-positioned to leap ahead of their peers across the country, thanks to well-timed reinvestment in the post-secondary sector by the provincial government, says the editor of the *Maclean's Guide to Canadian Universities 2000*.

"We're in a period of extraordinary change across the country, a massive social policy experiment where only Alberta will win the race," says Ann Dowsett Johnston, editor of the best-selling guide (24,000 copies in 1999) and *Maclean's* assistant managing editor. "Schools are all competing for the same people—students and faculty. What will be spent in the next three years will determine the fate of schools for the next 20.

"The University of Alberta is ideally poised to seize the day in the next few years when other schools are going to be scrambling for faculty renewal. It's already begun the process and is well ahead of the others," she explains, adding between now and 2010, more than 20,000 of the country's 33,000 faculty will have retired or departed, forcing Canada's universities into a brutal competition for "faculty stars."

"In the future we may talk less about have and have-not provinces and more

about know and know-not provinces," she says, noting the unequal spread of Canada's young population (the Echo generation, children of the Boomers) is concentrated in only four provinces: Ontario, Quebec, Alberta and B.C. "How do you jumpstart the future in provinces like Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Newfoundland who don't have the young people?"

Ranked seventh across the country in the *Maclean's Guide*, the U of A will emerge as a major player over the next decade and maintain a very distinct presence, says Johnston. It has the funds to "keep its class sizes down and attract the bright graduate and the right faculty, something it's been working at for a very long time...In the next decade the U of A will be able to pick the very best students." She adds our university is also one of only four institutions across the country (including the University of Toronto, McGill University and the University of British Columbia) boasting significant endowments.

All this intense competition, however, has created a high degree of anxiety among prospective students and their parents, says Johnston. The turmoil in the post-secondary sector in the past decade has not only led to a "battle for space and

access," but has also created a great fear among parents across the country as to what realistic access their children will have to a continuing education and to what kind of education.

A predicted jump in enrolment of up to 20 per cent over the next 10 years will only exasperate the situation, further threatening the strained principle of accessibility, leading Johnston to predict a massive organization of Canadian parents of university-age children. "The light's just going on now," she says. "These are the same parents who rattled the chains for their children at the elementary and secondary levels to great success and are likely to do the same now. Expect to see PTA groups form around university campuses."

Overall, Johnston sees a growing demand for more information about universities from students—"a very savvy and yet nervous group"—and parents alike. It's a demand that's already led to impressive sales of her guide and its expansion to 272 pages in 2000, up from 154 pages in 1995.

"Next year we'll be publishing a joint college and university guide, and it will very likely be at 400 pages." ■

A little thanks goes a long way

By Roger Armstrong

Have you ever felt unappreciated at work? Completed a task and not received the thanks you wanted? All that will hopefully change as the 'You DO Make a Difference' Workplace Recognition initiative gets underway on campus.

"Please and thank you cost little, but gain much," says Dr. Sandy Rennie, Workplace Recognition Committee co-chair and physical therapy professor. It's a phrase he got from his mother and father, and Rennie says it has served him well.

The idea of the initiative is simple: create an environment of recognition and appreciation in the workplace. Recognition can come from the top down, the bottom up or sideways. Rennie says workplace wellness should be a behaviour and not an event. "It's something near and dear to me. I don't think we do enough of this at home, at work or at play—thanking people around us who do the work for us and work with us."

Rennie's co-chair is a machine technician from the Department of Physics, Tony Paget. Together they lead a volunteer committee of staff and faculty from across campus which supports and encourages informal, frequent workplace recognition. More than 100 people representing all corners of the campus are trained and armed with some of the tools needed to make a program like this succeed.

For more information, get in touch with the recognition contact in your area. There is also help available at the Workplace Wellness Web site: www.ualberta.ca/~hrgrp/ww. ■

Corporate Challenge 2000 gets rolling

'Get moving, get involved': U of A coordinators call for volunteers and participants

By Lucianna Ciccocioppo

The Corporate Challenge Games may be two months away, but the University of Alberta coordinators are already in action mode.

Whether you're a casual athlete, serious jock or die-hard volunteer, Corporate Challenge offers something for everyone. Choose from 21 different sports or head out to cheer your team.

Can't remember the last time you donned your sneakers? Sign up as a volunteer to help with registrations, keep score, coordinate food and water stations, sell raffle tickets on campus or promote events.

Special events include the torch lighting, opening and closing ceremonies, and the blood donor challenge, which runs April 17-May 12. Creative types can enter

the T-shirt design contest for this year's U of A "look."

As for team events, games include: badminton, basketball, bowling, road bike racing, darts, golf, horseshoes, lawn bowling, mountain-bike racing, orienteering, five-mile run, pool, race walking, slow-pitch, soccer, squash, swimming, table tennis, team triathlon, tug-of-war and volleyball.

U of A coordinators encourage as many people as possible to join a team and mingle with the more than 17,000 participants in the 2000 Edmonton & Area Corporate Challenge Games, May 26-June 11. These co-ed games aim to foster employee interaction, build teamwork, boost morale, and promote health and wellness. It's a

great opportunity to meet people, make new friends and have fun. All university employees are eligible to participate.

The U of A is one of 160 corporations that has taken up the "Challenge," and is one of the larger participants in its division. The Corporate Challenge Games provide an excellent opportunity to show U of A pride and be part of the greater community.

For more information, contact Barb Hepperle at: bhepperl@gpu.srv.ualberta.ca. The blood donor challenge runs April 17-May 12. Volunteers are needed. Contact this year's coordinator Barb Baker at: bbaker@civil.ualberta.ca. View the Web site for the latest information at: www.ualberta.ca/challenge/

And the Oscar winners are...

Sandy Rennie, physical therapy professor, and Lorna Stewart, computing science professor. They had five correct answers out of a possible six and have each won two guest passes to the Princess/ Garneau Theatres, courtesy of Princess Theatres. But they weren't the only ones with an almost-perfect score. Their names were drawn since honourable mentions also go to: Katherine Christou, Judith Mirus and Jeannie Stanley.

Wrong use of notwithstanding clause

Albertans quietly stripped of Charter rights with Marriage Amendment Act, says constitutional expert

By Patrick Nugent, project director, Centre for Constitutional Studies

Without much fanfare or scrutiny, a bill was passed recently in the Alberta legislature. Bill 202, the Marriage Amendment Act, inserts a definition of “marriage” into the existing Marriage Act and stipulates the act operates notwithstanding the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Bill 202 says “ ‘marriage’ means a marriage between a man and a woman.” This definition precludes same-sex marriages, even though, to date, no Canadian court has accepted any other definition for marriage. In several recent Supreme Court of Canada decisions, the historic limitation of marriage to those unions between a man and a woman was affirmed and the value of maintaining such a restriction recognized. Given the state of Canadian law in this area, we might ask why Bill 202 was necessary.

There is also a serious question about whether the legislature of Alberta had the authority to pass such a bill in the first place. The Canadian constitution splits the jurisdiction for marriage between the federal and provincial governments. The provinces have the authority to legislate with respect to the formalities of the wedding ceremony itself—the requirement for a licence, the requirement for witnesses and the accreditation of the person performing the marriage—while the federal government has been understood to have all other authority to legislate regarding marriage. This authority includes the determination of capacity to marry or who may marry whom. For example, the restriction against marriages between close-blood relatives falls under federal authority.

Since Bill 202 concerns itself with the capacity to marry, it is very likely it is unconstitutional. Alberta’s Minister of Justice,

Dave Hancock, who voted against the bill, acknowledged this possibility himself during the legislative debates and in his comments to the media following the bill’s passage.

While the bill may prove meaningless in the long run, there is an aspect that is disturbing—the use of the notwithstanding clause. In the 18 years since the Charter of Rights came into force, the notwithstanding clause has been invoked in three instances and has, to date, never been included in a law passed by this province.

The notwithstanding clause is a powerful tool and it should not be invoked lightly. The government of Alberta discovered just how careful one must be in invoking this provision of the Charter with the outcry that followed its attempted use in the act limiting the settlement amounts for victims of forced sterilization. In March 1998 after the outcry about the sterilization bill, the premier said “if the notwithstanding clause is ever contemplated [again] there will be a tremendous amount of open and honest and public discussion.” There is no evidence this occurred in the passage of Bill 202.

Bill 202, with its notwithstanding clause, was a private members’ bill. A private members’ bill is one that is not put forward by a minister of the government, but is sponsored by a private member of the legislature, whether they’re from the

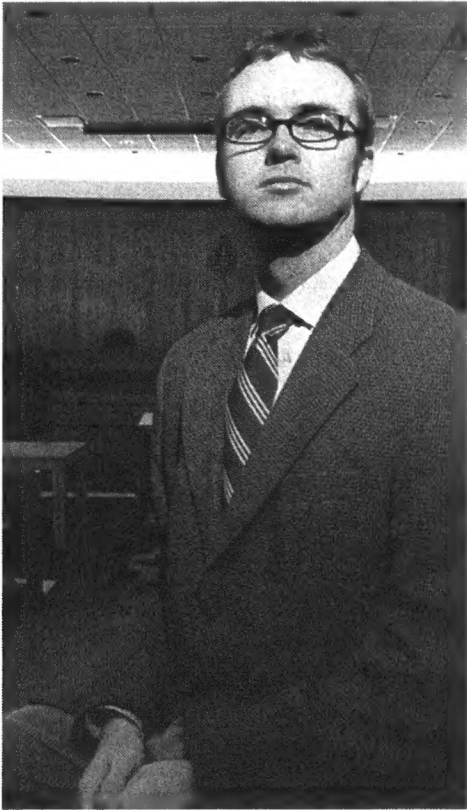
government party or from an opposition party. There are strict time limits for debate of these bills and most private members’ bills die long before being passed.

Debate of Bill 202 was therefore limited. It is never appropriate for the notwithstanding clause to be invoked in a situation where debate is so seriously limited. The record of the debate about the Marriage Amendment Act in the legislature shows even those members who were able to speak about this bill were very pressed for time and unable to express all their views. In addition to the hurried speeches of those who were lucky enough to get to speak, there were undoubtedly many other members who did not even get that opportunity.

It is clear neither side of the legislature thought this bill was terribly important. Neither the premier nor the leader of the Official Opposition was present when the bill was debated or when it was passed. Of the 83 members of the legislative assembly of Alberta, only 47 participated in the final vote on the bill: 32 for, 15 against.

As well, this issue was completely overshadowed by the ongoing debate about privatizing health care and Bill 11. How many Albertans know a law was passed March 15 that represented Alberta’s first use of the notwithstanding clause? I would guess not very many. It cannot be said there was any significant public debate surrounding the use of the notwithstanding clause in this instance.

Even by the standards this government set out for itself, this bill does not constitute a proper use of the notwithstanding clause. This serious legislative tool by definition overrides the rights of individuals and should only be used after a full and open public debate and an equivalent de-



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bate in the legislature. In the current context, where health care dominates public discussion and house rules limit legislative debate, this bill cannot have the legitimacy its invocation of the notwithstanding clause demands. In addition, for a bill that invokes such a powerful clause, it is aimed at an imaginary threat and its substance is likely outside the legislative authority of the legislature of Alberta.

Bill 202 should be repealed.■
Patrick Nugent is a lawyer with the Edmonton firm Emery Jamieson.

folio letters to the editor

“Bone biographer” clarifies story

This is in response to “From war crimes in Cyprus to the Iceman of British Columbia,” *Folio*, March 17. The article implies the current forensic investigations in Cyprus relate to a human rights investigation of alleged genocide, with a focus on the identification of missing Greeks. This is incorrect on both counts. I would like to clarify these investigations involve a humanitarian effort to identify missing Greek Cypriots and Greeks from the 1974 conflict, and the return of these remains to the families.

Owen Beattie
Professor
Department of Anthropology

Putting salary statistics in context

I am writing with reference to Dr. Smith’s interview in the March 3rd edition of *Folio* (“Little relief expected for university in provincial budget”). On the subject of “salary settlements that would allow [the university] to be ‘at least in the top half nationally,’” you would be pleased to know that, according to 1998-1999 Statistics Canada figures, average salaries for all ranks combined at the University of Alberta were in the top half nationally, right

behind Toronto, Victoria University (Ontario), Trinity, UBC, Simon Fraser, Guelph, Waterloo, Windsor, Queen’s, Trent, Ottawa, McMaster, Carleton, Saskatchewan, St. Jerome’s, York, King’s (Ontario), Victoria, and Wilfrid Laurier (in descending order of salaries). (Our associate professors by themselves did not fare so well, being in the 39th place out of 60.)

Of course, the academic staff did not say: “We are simply not going to be able to

respond as we need” when they got more 3M Teaching Awards than any other university in the country, and when they put the university in the top five in Canada in terms of federal research council funding, even as their salaries steadily declined over the past two decades.

Yours truly,
Mazi Shirvani
Professor, Mathematical Sciences and President, AAS:UA

Another opinion on movie messages

I found Anna Fodchuk’s film comments in the March 17 *Folio* somewhat dispiriting. For her, “When you’ve got nothing to lose you might as well risk everything”—can be destructive, as the ending [of *American Beauty*] demonstrates, is the movie’s message.”

But the destruction comes from someone who has misunderstood what he’s seen, and not from Spacey’s recklessness.

And the film’s coda is a beautiful scene which clearly connects with the Fodchuk approved “floating bag” scene, in which life is passionately embraced in spite of travails. There’s also a clear sense of hope in the tender, understanding relationship between Spacey’s daughter and the neighbour boy, which survives the movie’s end.

And the “sense of hope” in *Sixth Sense* which “shines” for Fodchuk? Well, the

message seems to be: “If you can come back from the dead and fix some things that needed fixing, that’s a good thing.” In other words—total fantasy. For me, a movie in which the main actor turns out to be dead, and therefore much of it (especially with his wife) didn’t even happen, fills me with a deep sense of hopelessness.

John Charles
Rutherford Library

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CANADIAN INSTITUTE OF UKRAINIAN STUDIES

April 4, 3:30 pm

Dr. Bohdan Klid, "Claiming Sovereignty over the Past: Nineteenth-Century Ukrainian-Russian Debates over Kyivan Rus." 3-52 Athabasca Hall.

CENTRE FOR HEALTH PROMOTION STUDIES

April 5, 12:00 – 1:00 pm

Dr. Karen Smoyer, Dept of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, "Hot in the City: Heat Waves and Health in Southern Ontario." Focus room of the International Institute for Qualitative Methodology, Room 6-10 University Extension Centre, 8303 – 112 Street.

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Departmental Seminar Series

March 31, 2:30 pm

Ray Hilborn, "Extinction risk and the role of catastrophic events, DBS Seminar." Room M-149 Biological Sciences Building.

Ecology Seminar Series (part of 631 seminar series)

March 31, 12:00 noon

Ray Hilborn, "Rebuilding depleted fisheries." Room M-137 Biological Sciences Building.

April 7, 12:00 noon

Evelyn Merrill, "Birds and forest fragmentation in Wyoming." Room M-137 Biological Sciences Building.

Entomology Seminar Series (part of 602 seminar series)

April 6, 3:35 pm

Dustin Hartley, "The Effects of Urbanization on Carabid Beetle Assemblages." TB-W1 Tory.

April 13, 3:35 pm

John Spence, "Seasonality of flight in Alberta pond-skaters: some generalizations meet a 16-year data set." TB-W1 Tory.

Molecular Biology and Genetics Research Group (part of 605 seminar series)

April 14, 11:00 am

Evan Eichler, "Paralogous nature of the human genome: cause and consequence." Room M-149 Biological Sciences Building.

Physiology, Cell and Developmental Biology Seminar Series (part of 642 seminar series)

April 5, 12:00 noon

Steve Harvey, "GHRH: A growth hormone releasing factor in birds?" Room G-114 Biological Sciences Building.

April 12, 12:00 noon

Sabeen Mapara, "Cloning and characterization of a serotonin receptor from the pulmonate gastropod Helisoma trivolvis." Room G-114 Biological Sciences Building.

Plant Biology Seminar Series (part of 600 seminar series)

April 7, 10:00 am

David Hik, "Plants, pikas and the Pleistocene: unraveling the effects of climate and herbivory in alpine meadow communities." Room M-141 Biological Sciences Building.

DEPARTMENT OF BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING

April 19, 5:30 pm

Video conference seminar to U of Calgary: Christian Beaulieu, "Water diffusion in brain: how microscopic motions lead to an improved understanding of stroke." Room 231 CEB.

DEPARTMENT OF CELL BIOLOGY

April 3, 9:30 – 10:30 am

Dr. Ulf Nehrbass, Assistant Professor, Head of Laboratory, Dept of Molecular Biology, Institut Pasteur, "Nuclear Subcompartments: the third dimension of gene regulation." Seminar room 5-10 Medical Sciences Building.

April 10, 9:30 am – 10:30 am

Dr. David Andrews, McMaster University, "Bcl-2, apoptosis and cell adhesion." Seminar room 5-10 Medical Sciences Building.

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICAL AND MATERIALS ENGINEERING

April 10, 3:00 pm

Dr. John Y. Walz, Yale University, Connecticut, "Modeling and Experimental Studies on the Effects of Nonabsorbing Polyelectrolytes on Interparticle Forces and Stability." Room 344 Chemical & Materials Engineering Building.

The 2000 ICI Distinguished Lectureship Series

April 3, 3:00 pm

Lecture 1: Trevor Gooch (Materials Technology Manager, TWI, Cambridge, UK), "New Stainless Steels." Room 344 Chemical and Materials Engineering Building. Info: 492-3181.

April 4, 1:30 pm

Lecture 2: Trevor Gooch (Materials Technology Manager, TWI, Cambridge, UK), "Corrosion Resistance of Welded Joints." Room 2-1 Mechanical Engineering Building. Info: 492-3181.

DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTING SCIENCE

April 3, 3:30 pm

Distinguished lecture: Vincent Hayward, McGill University, "What the heck is haptics?" Room 128 V-Wing.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

March 31, 2:00 pm

Dr. Veronica Hollinger, "Apocalypse, Now." Room L-1 Humanities.

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND CLASSICS

March 31, 3:30 pm

John Corbett, University of Toronto, "The father who gives rain: Meteorological imagery in ancient Judaism and Christianity." Room 2-58 Tory.

April 6, 3:30 pm

Franco de Angelis, Dept of History, University of Lethbridge, "Greek Sicily." Room 2-58 Tory.

April 6, 7:30 pm

The Archaeological Institute of America, Edmonton Society, presents: Franco de Angelis, Dept of History, University of Lethbridge, "The Land of Demeter and Persephone: Some Aspects of Agriculture in Greek Sicily." Room L1 Humanities. All welcome; refreshments and book raffle.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN ECOLOGY

April 4, 12:30 – 1:30 pm

Caroline Davis, MA candidate, "Are Natural Dyes Better for the Natural Environment: A consideration of bark dyes used in San Juan La Laguna, Guatemala." Room 3-05 Human Ecology Building.

These seminars are free and open to everyone. Please feel free to bring your lunch to eat during the presentation. Coffee, tea and light snack provided.

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

Public Lectures – Professor Gleb Nosovskii of Moscow State University will present a series on the Investigation of the Methods of Historical Dating.

April 6, 5:30 – 7:00 pm

Lecture I: "The Chronology Problem and Its History." Tory Lecture Theatre B1.

April 10, 5:30 – 7:00 pm

Lecture II: "Problem of A.D. Determination – 'We Live in the year 2000 A.D. – after what?'" Tory Lecture Theatre B1.

April 13, 5:30 – 7:00 pm

Lecture III: "Historical Dating Based on Astronomy and Statistics. New methods, ideas and examples in Chronology – an overview." Tory Lecture Theatre B1.

Please visit Web site for more information about Problems of Historical Dating at www.math.ualberta.ca/geometry

For more information about the above talks, please contact Dr. Wieslaw Krawcewicz at 492-0566 or wkrawcew@math.ualberta.ca Students and staff are welcome to attend!

DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAL GENETICS

Medical Genetics Rounds

April 5, 12:00 – 1:00 pm

Dr. John Locke, Dept of Biological Sciences, "Interesting things come in small packages: Chromosome 4 of Drosophila." Room 2-07 HMRC.

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

March 31, 3:30 pm

Philosophy colloquium: Francis Landy, "Abraham Abulafia's Commentary on the Book of Creation." Room 4-29 Humanities.

April 3, 3:30 pm

Philosophy colloquium: Robert Cummins, University of Arizona, "Systematicity: Empirical Constraints on the Form of Mental Representation." Room 4-29 Humanities.

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

April 6, 3:30 pm

Dr. Antonio Franceschet, Grant Notley Memorial Postdoctoral Fellow, "Liberalism: an ideology of international/global politics." Room 10-4 Tory.

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

March 31, 3:15 pm

Colloquium: Mark G. Raizen, University of Texas at Austin, "Experimental Studies of Quantum Chaos with Ultra-Cold Atoms." Room V-129.

April 7, 3:15 pm

Burkard Hillebrands, Fachbereich Physik, Universitaet Kaiserslautern, Germany, "Spin Dynamics in Patterned Magnetic Films." Room V-129.

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSIOLOGY

April 7, 3:30 pm

Dr. Steve Harvey, "Somatopause: The long and short of adult growth hormone deficiency." Room 2-07 HMRC.

DEPARTMENT OF RENEWABLE RESOURCES

April 6, 12:30 – 1:50 pm

Dr. John Feddes, Professor, Dept of Agricultural, Food & Nutritional Science, "Emissions and control of manure odors." Room 2-36 Earth Sciences Building.

April 13, 12:30 – 1:50 pm
Dr. Gary Stringham, Professor, Dept of Agricultural, Food & Nutritional Science, "Canola breeding: A University of Alberta perspective." Room 2-36 Earth Sciences Building.

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DEPARTMENT OF RURAL ECONOMY

April 3, 3:15 pm
Yufeng Duan, "Competitiveness of Alberta Agrifood Exports in Target Markets from 1988 – 1997." Room 550 GSB.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

March 31, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm
Dr. Subrata Lahiri, Professor of Demography, International Institute of Population Sciences, Mumbai (Bombay), "Fertility Preferences and Accompanying Sex Preferences in India." Room 1-107 Tory. Co-sponsored by Society of Edmonton Demographers.

FACULTY OF ARTS

April 6 and 7
Two-day colloquium, "Toleration and Persecution. Christian Attitudes to Jews and Judaism in 'Latin' and 'Orthodox' Christendom. Comparative Perspectives." Sponsored by University Conference Fund, Canadian Centre for Ukrainian Studies, Dept of MLCS, Stuart Ramsay Tompkins Fund, Centre for Constitutional Studies (Faculty of Law), and Dept of History and Classics. Keynote speakers: Prof. Matt Goldish, Ohio State University and Dr. Johannes Heil, Universität Berlin. Info: 492-0853 or andrew.gow@ualberta.ca

FACULTY OF EDUCATION

Centre for Research on Literacy
April 5, 12:30 – 2:00 pm
Literacy Research Luncheon: Margaret Mackey, School of Library and Information Studies, "Toys,

Technology and Reading." Room 651a Education South. Lunch will be catered; please RSVP by Monday, April 3, to Paula Kelly at 492-4250 ext 292 or paula.kelly@ualberta.ca

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April 1, 11:00 am – 4:00 pm
Fine Arts Open House - featuring students' works for the current year. 3rd floor, University Extension Centre. Info: 492-3034. Coffee provided.

April 5, 7:00 – 8:00 pm
Ana Herrera, information on "New Media Diploma Program in Visual Design." Room 3-31 University Extension Centre. Info: 492-0048. Everyone welcome! Light refreshments provided.

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Health Ethics Seminar Series

April 14, 12:00 – 1:00 pm
Barbara von Tigerstrom, Health Law Institute, "International Human Rights Law: Implications for Canadian Health Care and Research." Room 2-07 HMRC.

PERINATAL RESEARCH CENTRE

April 4, 12:00 – 1:00 pm
Clinical Research Seminar: Sabina Valentine, PhD (c), Faculty of Agriculture, Forestry & Nutritional Science, "The effect of a diet and exercise program on the hormone leptin and reproductive function in overweight normally menstruating women." Room B762, Women's Centre, Royal Alex Hospital. Light lunch provided. Info: 491-5261.

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Prairie Centre Brown Bag Seminars

April 14, 12:00 – 1:00 pm
Elizabeth Burgess, Chuck Humphrey, Linda Ogilvie, Frank Trovato, "Survey of Immigrant and Refugee Children in the Prairies." Mennonite Centre for Newcomers, #100, 10010 – 107A Avenue. Please RSVP to: 492-6600 or pcerii@ualberta.ca

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April 7, 8:00 – 10:00 am
Managing Your Career Breakfast Series: "Developing a Personal Learning Plan." Heritage Lounge, Athabasca Hall. No charge, continental breakfast provided.

April 11, 9:00 – 11:00 am
Janet Smith, Director, Office of Human Rights, "Resolving Complaints of Discrimination or Harassment: Policy and Options." 219 CAB. No charge.

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The University of Alberta Concert Bank concert. William Street, director. Admission: \$5/student/senior, \$10/adult. Convocation Hall, Arts Building.

April 9, 8:00 pm
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April 10, 12:00 pm
Noon-hour organ recital: Ondrea Fehr, BMus student (3rd year), University of Alberta. Free admission. Convocation Hall, Arts Building.

April 10, 8:00 pm
Master of Music recital: Lisa Fernandes, soprano. Free admission. Convocation Hall, Arts Building.

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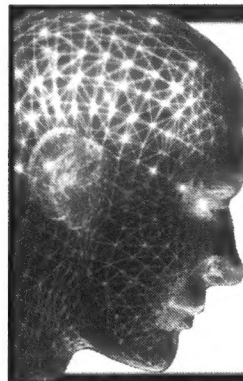
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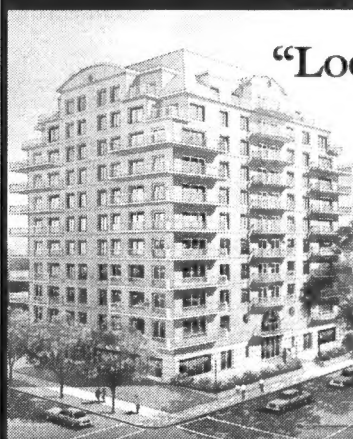
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Ms. Surkan's appointment was approved by the Lieutenant Governor through an Order in Council, effective March 18, 2000.

Ms. Surkan was born and raised on a Saskatchewan farm, near Regina. Trained as an economist at the University of Saskatchewan, she has extensive experience as a consultant and analyst in various fields including tourism, Northern communities, regional development policy, and economic development. She is an active public speaker in the area of leadership, change, and personal growth.

Ms. Surkan has an extensive history of contribution to her local community and the provincial community at large. She is currently in her third term as Mayor of Red Deer, a position she has held since 1992. Her career in civic politics began with her election as an alderman to the Red Deer City Council in 1986. She is a member of the Board of Directors, Alberta Treasury Branches, a member of the Provincial Strategic Tourism Marketing Council, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Alberta Congress Board. She was also appointed by the Government of Alberta as Vice-Chair for the Provincial Health Council, a body created to evaluate health reform and report to the Legislature.

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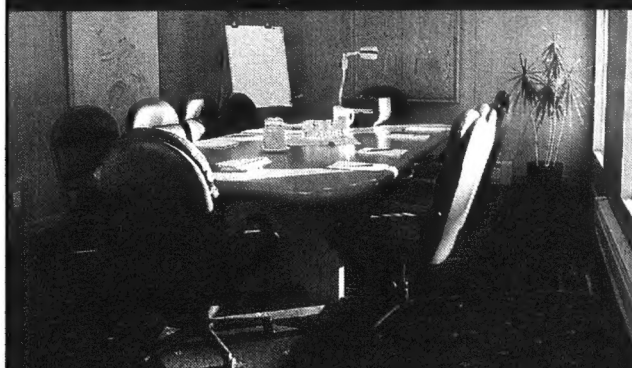
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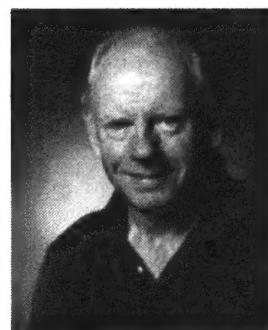
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From campus to catwalk

A fundraising fashion show showcases student designs

By Vivian Zenari

In the heart of the university, a band of designers and promoters are setting out to take the fashion industry by storm. Some people may not have been aware they even existed.

They put an end to that best-kept secret March 24 when they single-handedly mounted a show—which turned out to be a fashion first for the city.

Never before has an Edmonton fashion show featured the work of the textile, clothing and culture students from the U of A's Department of Human Ecology. One would be hard-pressed to find a show that featured local designers at all.

"Innovation" was the theme and the Cheshire Cat, the changeable feline from Alice in Wonderland, was the metaphoric mascot.

What else could perfectly emblemize the revolutionary designs that would parade past members of Edmonton's fashion industry?

And parade they did. What the audience saw were young U of A designers, such as Pam Bailey, with unique, personal approaches towards fashion.

Bailey recently graduated from the master's program and has already established her own business: dilate conceptual design. She says the Cheshire Catwalk Fashion Show went far in raising the profile of "a lively and young design community" in town, of which she is now a member.

For her, clothing is sculptural. "Clothing is two dimensional until we give it form. Three people can try on the same shirt and it will look different on each of them." Her garments create light and shadow effects and embody "a sense of aesthetics."

Third-year student Nicole Wilson had never participated in a show before. Her designs were simple and wearable, with

an emphasis on line and colour. She likes current fashion trends, which she says are less rigid and more creative than in the past. Her long-term goal is to design full-time—apparels, textiles or accessories.

Fashion is both an art and a business for Owen Heng. Already a fashion show veteran—his work has appeared in youth design shows and a competition sponsored by local retailer Concrete Clothiers—his designs were "based on the body."

Each piece highlighted the shape of a particular area. Heng believes "there's a revival of fashion through celebrity" and points to the role of the media, particularly the Internet, in giving consumers and designers instant access to the trends of the world's fashion metropolises.

He also recognizes the increasing role of entrepreneurship in this cut-throat industry. Unsurprisingly, he is a student in the business faculty. "I want it all!" he said with a laugh.

The show was organized from start to finish by human ecology students Kelsey Broersma, Adrianna DeRose, Sandi Gjesdal and Amrita Takhar. Planning began a year ago in conjunction with a class project, but by last September, the project began transforming into an actual fashion show.

After months of preparation, the Cheshire Catwalk Fashion Show was held at the Arts Barns in Old Strathcona. Two hundred people saw fashions by Bailey, Heng, Jessica Janus, Heather Lambert, Valerie Re and Nicole Wilson, as well as a group presentation from an apparel-design class.

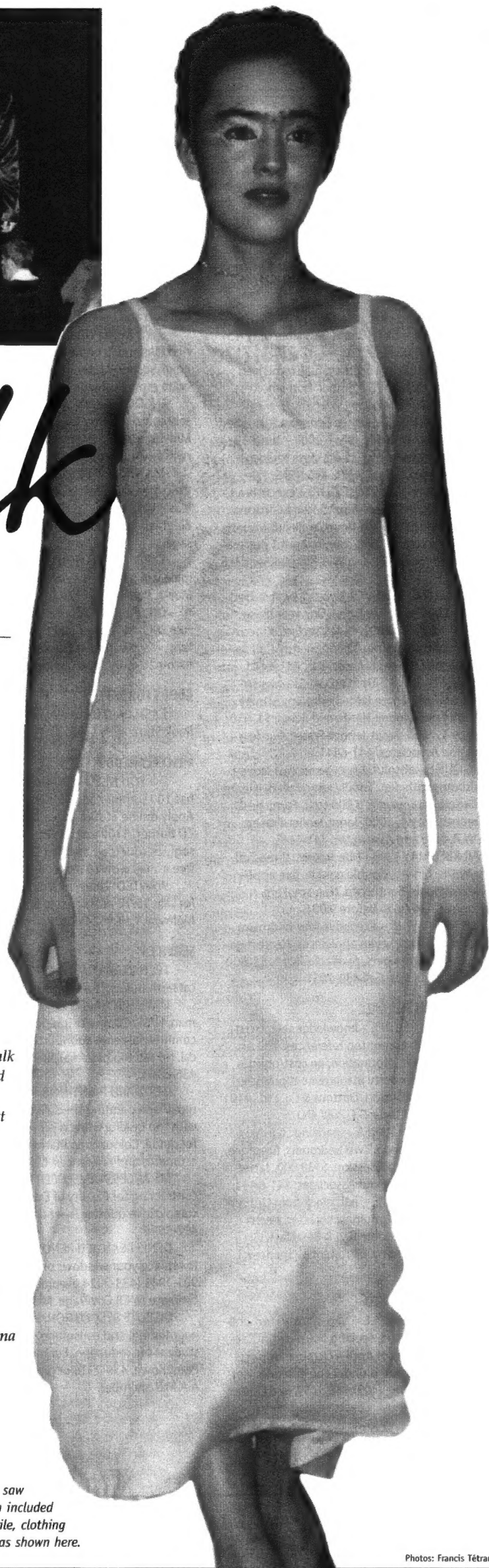
Cheshire Catwalk provided an extraordinary opportunity for hands-on practice in the business. Promoter Broersma said, "It's been the best learning experience in university." As for the audi-

ence, organizer DeRose thought they also got something out of it: "Good entertainment, good fashion."

From all accounts, they more than accomplished their goals. Today Edmonton, tomorrow who knows? New York or Paris. ■

Cheshire Catwalk included dinner and a silent auction in support of the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Alberta and the Department of Human Ecology. In addition to student work, the show presented apparel from local retailers Colour Blind, Etzio, Zoryana and Concrete Clothiers.

More than 200 people saw fashion apparel, which included designs by U of A textile, clothing and culture students, as shown here.



Photos: Francis Tétrault



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